

SHARKEY AND M'GOVERN EASY WINNERS.

Sailor Consumes Thirty-eight Seconds in Putting "Texas Jim" McCormick in Dreamland at Hartford.

Texan, the Easy Thing of Sharkey's Career, was Counted Out After Receiving a Right-Hand Uppercut.

(Special to The Evening World.)
HARTFORD, Conn., March 16.—Jim McCormick was the easiest thing that Tom Sharkey has found in all his fighting career. The Texan lasted but thirty-eight seconds before the sailor at the Coliseum last night and 2,500 sports cheered Sharkey for his victory. It was a left swing on the body and a right uppercut to the point of the jaw that settled McCormick.

McCormick was unable to stand when two of his seconds assisted him to his feet and he was groggy for several minutes. He took his defeat much to heart, as he thought he had a chance.

Both men weighed 180 pounds, but the Texan with his six feet two towered above his more burly opponent. Jim is only twenty-one and he is long and lanky and without the stamina that is characteristic of O'Rourke's idol.

The preliminary saw some whirlwind fighting and this bout did not last a round. Bob Gormley is suffering from the grip and Kid Thomas, of New York, was substituted for him in the bout with Joe Flaherty. The Lowell boy was sent down three times and in the last his brother Martin picked him up thoroughly



THOMAS SHARKEY AND HIS FATHER.
(Photo by Chickering.)

beaten. The kid was a great favorite and his victory was a popular one, as Flaherty resorted to hugging tactics. The next big go here will see Yank

FREEDMAN WON'T SIGN; CAN'T GET GOOD PLAYERS

The League Magnates Go Back on Their Promises and the New York Club Suffers as a Result.

Progress and improvement in the makeup of the New York Baseball Club is at a standstill, simply because the National League, with President N. K. Young at the head, is making endeavors to wink at the agreements and promises arranged with President Freedman. Mr. Freedman has sent back the reduction agreement to President Nick Young without his signature. He says the league has treated him badly, and he won't stand for it.

It is probable now that the reduction will go into effect without Freedman's O. K. The rest of the magnates will shoulder New York's share of the expense.

At the recent league meeting the magnates promised to aid the New York management in forming a good team and it was agreed that the pick of the surplus players would be offered to Mr. Freedman. It seems now that the promising magnates have not kept their words, hence Mr. Freedman's kick.

The breach has been precipitated by the league incident. Before New York really had a chance to name a player it wanted, President Young awarded the speedy fielder of the Washington Club to Rogers, of Philadelphia.

"I don't see that the magnates are carrying out their agreement," said Back Ewing yesterday. "At the close of the meeting a list was made out and



ANDREW FREEDMAN.

sent to all the clubs. This list I received Monday morning. The very afternoon I telegraphed Nick Young that I would like to have Slagle. Next thing I knew Philadelphia claimed the man. He was turned over to Philadelphia. Yet we were to have first pick. Another thing, last year Mr. Rogers, of Philadelphia, offered us Cooley for \$1,000. I have been asking \$500 for Cooley, but I'll let New York have him for \$1,000. That's much in the fashion of the sandbagging game, don't you think so? We are not going to be sandbagged.

"Now Merer is the only player we really want. We need Tom O'Brien badly. He is of the kind of men we want in our outfield. Not a lot of third-batters, if an other is going to have a first-class team here or nothing this season."

One of two pitchers and probably a whole new outfield is what the club is after. A stiff fight will be put up to bring O'Brien to this city. Ewing has been out of Al. Selbach and Pink Hawley, of the Cincinnati, a promising young outfielder named Friesole, of Boston, and Duffy, also of the Beaneaters.

Eddie Lenny Lasted About a Round and a Half with the Fighting Brooklynite in Philadelphia.

Quaker Featherweight Tried to Stay Longer by Sprinting, but the Champion Was Always After Him.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The second round was one minute and forty-five seconds old when Terry McGovern knocked out Eddie Lenny, of Philadelphia, at the Auditorium last night. A left swing on the jaw did the trick. Three thousand people saw the "go."

The fight started promptly at 11 o'clock. Lenny, after sending in a light left to Terry's face, started to sprint away, but McGovern was after him, driving his left to the face and the right in the body with fearful force. Lenny was in a bad way already, but managed to lead with his left, when McGovern, quick as a flash, sent in a short left uppercut to the jaw, dropping the Quaker. He jumped up quickly and started to run away again, but this time McGovern cornered him and dealt him three fierce smashes on the jaw, sending him staggering against the ropes.

Lenny was very weak now, and McGovern, recognizing his condition, sailed in, landing a left and right on the jaw, just as the bell rang. Lenny was all but done for, and the consensus of opinion was that he wouldn't last another round. When the bell sounded for the beginning of the second round McGovern was still on the floor when Referee White



M'GOVERN AND HIS STRONG RIGHT.

began to land blow after blow on his body and face. Lenny became very weak from these blows, and after being staggered with a left jab in the face, he received a hard left swing on the jaw, which dropped him to the floor.

He was dazed now, and, after listening to Referee Charley White count off eight seconds, he got up and tried with a right swing, which landed on Terry's neck. This brought him to a clinch, and, as they broke away, McGovern let fly another left swing which landed full on Lenny's jaw, dropping him to the floor for the second time. This blow proved to be the finishing one, as Lenny was still on the floor when Referee White

had counted off the usual ten seconds. Lenny was then carried to his corner and McGovern declared the winner amid deafening yells and cheers. The time of the round was one minute and forty-five seconds.

McGovern received \$120 for winning, while Lenny got \$50. The sport began shortly before 9 o'clock with a six-round bout between Young Sharkey and Kid Kimball, two Philadelphia featherweights. The boys made a fast fight throughout the six rounds and there was no decision reached.

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\$25,000 BIRD FOR MICHAEL

Midjet Can Earn Fortune by Returning to the Cycle Track.

That the diminutive Welshman, Jimmy Michael, has lost none of his value as a cycling attraction is evident from the action of several race promoters, who are trying their utmost—though thus far without avail—to get him to forsake the ponies for his first love, the middle-distance cycle race. Michael has been approached on the subject by Manager Ryan, of the Manhattan Beach track, and a guarantee of \$25,000 for the season will be offered to him.

With the expected reinstatement in the M. C. A. of Eddie McDuffee, the strongest opponent of Jimmy Michael in 1929 and 1930, great possibilities in the way of a battle for the championship are opened. With Harry Eikes in Europe for the season, Michael has no other man—Major Taylor—who is sufficiently speedy to compete with Michael and McDuffee. It is hardly probable that the colored professional will engage in middle-distance work, so the championship of the country for the season of 1930 would be between two men.

All those who have watched the decadence of cycle racing the past two years agree that the return of Michael to the path would give a decided boom to the sport, and for this reason no reasonable means will be overlooked tending to get him back on the banked track.

Waverley Bicycle Club Election.

The election of Board of Governors and Club officers for the Waverley Bicycle Club, of Brooklyn, last night, resulted as follows: Board of Governors—for three years, T. F. Swanney, Thomas Townsend, G. C. Dreinen; for two years, J. E. Callahan, R. W. Jones; for one year, E. K. Madden, Captain, John M. Schloer; First Lieutenant, W. E. Jones; Second Lieutenant, H. Rosenzans.

Should Schoolboys Be Taught to Box?

So many letters have been received on this subject that The Evening World will only be able to print those which are on hand.

The prize of \$5 for the best letter from a schoolboy on this subject will be awarded later.



WILLIAM THORNEHILL.
Learner First of All.

In the Sporting Editor of The Evening World: I am only eleven years old and would not fight or box as yet, but I think school boys are small enough. And all those who wish to study their boxing should have plenty of the boxing after school and supper, and pleasure after for fun. Self-defense is an honor to be learned by school boys have to be taught to use half the usual force of a grown man.

AMOS RUSIE IS NEEDED.

Correspondent Pleads in Behalf of the Great Twirler.

To the Sporting Editor of The Evening World: The baseball question being now settled and harmony most likely to prevail, why doesn't President Freedman drop all differences which he has had of late years with Amos Rusie, the noted pitcher, and make arrangements with him so the New Yorks will be strengthened by his addition to their pitching corps. The signing of Rusie will be cheaper than buying the release of another pitcher who will not be capable of doing as good work as Rusie.

Rusie will most likely win 25 per cent. of the games he pitches, and further, more by his addition to the New Yorks will satisfy many patrons of the game in New York, who have not visited the Polo Grounds since 1927, when the Giants won third place. In that year Rusie led the League pitchers in average and mostly to him was third place due. In 1928 when Rusie trained at Lakewood with the Giants he caught cold in his arm and for that season was not in fit condition to play ball. When the New Yorks cannot be expected to be 50 per cent. more in attendance at the game, and not only that, the spectators give him support and cheer him until the game is over.

With a pitching corps consisting of Rusie, Seymour, Carrick, Doherty and letting the New Yorks cannot be expected. Seymour, as everybody knows, is one of the best pitchers in the league in plain, sedate, known as "the bat to reach him so to keep him quiet and not let him go up in the air."

Carrick is all right and so is Doherty. Getting needs more work, and with Manager Ewing will probably get several chances to prove what he can do. The infield of the New Yorks cannot be surpassed and the outfield with a strong pitcher such as Rusie could stand the field with any team.

Manhattan. JOSEPH HARRING.

HOW OLSEN BECAME A CHAMPION; HIS EARLY WRESTLING LESSONS.

Manager Schmidt Writes of "Great Dane's" Early Career, His First Wrestling Lessons and His Tour of Europe.

Here is the life story of Bech-Olsen, the noted Danish wrestler, who on March 21 meets Ernest Roeder, at Madison Square Garden, in a match for the world's championship. It is written by his manager and life-long friend, John F. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt thinks Olsen is invincible as a wrestler and has offered to bet \$500 against \$1,000 that he will defeat Roeder.

Mr. Schmidt says he will take even money in order to get his bet down. As yet he has had no takers. Magnus Emanuel Bech-Olsen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 7, 1886, and is just thirty-three years and three months old. He learned the trade of a mason and travelled as such while a young man all through Europe, as is the custom abroad. He finally settled down in Hamburg, where he soon afterward started in business for himself and erected a number of buildings.

It happened one day, while he was in Hamburg, that he came into a cafe owned by the champion wrestler, Carl Abs. The proprietor noticed immediately Bech-Olsen, and thought there was some splendid material in him for a first-class wrestler. He invited him to attend a bout between two of his best pupils. Bech-Olsen accepted, and saw that day the first wrestling match in his life. He became interested in the sport at once and took from that day lessons from the renowned champion, for whom he soon became a worthy opponent. This was in 1911.

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